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SUBJ: POLICE ONCTINUE TO BAR JEWISH PRAYERS ON TEMPLE MOUNT

REF: JERUSALEM 138

1. ISRAELI MEDIA REPORT STATEMENT BY POLICE MINISTER SHLOMO HILLEL FEB 4 THAT EXISTING REGULATIONS PROHIBITING ORGANIZED PRAYERS BY JEWS ON TEMPLE MOUNT (HARAM ES-SHARIF) REMAIN IN EFFECT. HILLEL'S REMARKS WERE IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM LIKUD MEMBER OF JERUSALEM CITY COUNCIL THAT POLICSQALTER POLICY IN WAKE OF COURT RULING (REFTEL) THAT JEWS HAVE RIGHT TO PRAY ON MOUNT. HILLEL REPORTEDLY CITED A 1970 HIGH COURT RULING CONNECTION WITH SIMILAR REQUEST WHICH STATED THAT "A SPECIAL SITUATION" INVOLVING POLITICAL AND SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS EXISTED IN WHICH GOVT HAD POWER TO DECIDE ON APPROPRIATE STEPS. HILLEL NOTED POLICE REGULATIONS ISSUED IN INTEREST OF MAINTAINING PEACE AND PUBLIC ORDER ON EMPLMOUNT.

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2. WE NOTE LOCAL ARABIC PRESS AND JORDANIAN RADIO NEWS REPORTS

HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO RECENT COURT RULING AS GRANTING  
RIGHT OF JEWS TO PRAY IN AL-AQSA MOSQUE. EVEN IF GOI WERE TO  
CHANGE RULES, WE CONSIDER IT INCONCEIVABLE THAT SUCH CHANGE  
WOULD PERMIT JEWS TO PRAY IN AL-AQSA. IN ANY EVENT, WE HOPE  
HILLEL STATAMENT HELP ASSUAGE ARAB CONCERN.  
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